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Village Board

Martin Meaney, Mayor
Deputy Mayor Clark Giblin

Trustee John Walker Trustee Adam Brown Trustee Mary Jacyna

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Johnson City Village Board held at Village Hall, 1st Floor Training Room, 243 Main Street, Johnson City, NY on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Martin Meaney, Mayor
 Clark Giblin, Deputy Mayor
 Adam Brown, Trustee
 Mary Jacyna, Trustee
 John Walker, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Keegan Coughlin, Legal Counsel
 Jackson Bailey II, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Meaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Meaney thanked the attendees for coming and advised where the fire exits are located.

Mayor Meaney took roll call.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] Village Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.
- [2] The next regular Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:30pm with a work session at 6:00pm in the Johnson City Village Hall Board Room.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- [1] January 16, 2023 Village Board Meeting and Work Session Minutes

A motion to approve the January 16, 2023 Village Board Meeting and Work Session Minutes was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

BIDS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- [1] A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 264 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".

Mayor Meaney opened the public hearing. There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Meaney closed the public hearing.

PETITIONS RECEIVED – None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – VISITORS

Mayor Meaney opened the privilege of the floor.

Don Slota, *Eldridge Ave* – Questioned fire engine purchase.

Mayor Meaney explained it is a regular run of the mill stock fire engine that takes almost two years to get and the price has escalated to almost \$2 million. The longer we wait the more the price escalates. They are hoping to get this before the two years but we have to have a funding mechanism in place. It will be a commercial chassis, but it will fit our specs. It is the same kind of truck we purchased a couple years ago. It will replace Engine 2.

Carole Laskoski, *Edward Street* – Dave & Buster’s inquiry

Mayor Meaney responded it is an arcade for grownups. It is going to be in the mall just north of BJs. Trustee Brown added it is a restaurant, bar, games, and rides. Attorney Coughlin said their slogan is the fun starts here.

Joseph Keyes, *resident, several business owner and master plumber in the Village*

- Letter to Trustees for credit for a water bill he paid for two of his properties that he prepaid by accident on December 26th and that payment was to be applied to the upcoming water bill when issued. Today, he got a shut off notice on his door saying he didn’t pay his bill. When he spoke with the ladies at the windows they had asked if he would just like a credit when the bill came due. The one property at 276 Corliss was corrected, but there still is a credit which may have been supposed to go toward 270 Corliss Avenue.
- Things he would like to bring up and he kept his voice quiet for a long time.
 - Water and sewer concerns
 - Last two quarters spike in cost
 - Believes misread meters
 - Campus Square – 35-40% increase in the cost.
 - Driving away privateers from wanting to do business in Johnson City.
 - Issue someplace within the water department, water communications
 - He did his own study of his own properties
 - RFD interference causing issues
 - Water quality
 - Advocating for his customers also
 - More communication for water department, what we are going to see in the future.
 - Joint effort with the Village. He would like to help in any way possible.
 - Grants

Attorney Coughlin stated the Village is not legally allowed to generate profit.

Mayor Meaney discussed:

- Cost and water studies.

- Tiered rate system was because greater users were putting a strain on the system.
- The Board has been trying to get Albany to allow them to come up with new ways we can generate revenue so they can do more work to the infrastructure and it hasn't fallen on very receptive ears. We all live here and pay taxes and want to make it better. He wishes he had a great answer.
- Town of Union grants to help with façade and improvements funded through CDBG Grant
- He will look into the bills tomorrow
- RFD interference could be a problem
- Asked Mr. Keyes to furnish him with addresses that costs spiked

Mayor Meaney spoke regarding large users:

- Binghamton University properties have been taken off the tax rolls, but they are giving back to the Village with a grant which funds Officer Peats as a Community Engagement Officer and facilitating parking upgrades getting rid of meters and putting kiosks.
- UHS is giving us \$50,000 per year to put towards certain things.

Carole Laskoski, *Edward Street* – questioned whether they are still paying for back months.

Mayor Meaney confirmed you are paying for what you have used in the last three months.

Don Slota, *Eldridge Ave* – how long do the batteries last in the meters, ten years?

Mayor Meaney said he will find out. Attorney Coughlin added they slow down, not speed up.

Mayor Meaney closed the privilege of the floor.

COMMUNICATIONS

A motion to accept and file the following Communication was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Notice of application for new liquor license for Dave & Buster's of New York, 601 Harry L Drive.
- [2] Correspondence from Rosalyn Antoun regarding parking ticket.
- [3] Correspondence from Tracey Rispoli for Interstate Properties regarding violation fee for 529 Reynolds Road.
- [4] Correspondence from Maria Marroquin, 86 Albany Ave regarding late fee on water bill.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A motion to accept and file the following Department Reports was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Brown. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

- [1] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 4, 2023 – January 17, 2024
- [2] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 4, 2023 – January 17, 2024
- [3] Johnson City Police Department Monthly report for December 2023
- [4] Fire Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 18, 2023 – January 31, 2024
- [5] Police Department Overtime Report for the weeks of January 18, 2023 – January 31, 2024

PAYROLL AND BILLS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Abstract #13 of the 2023 – 2024 fiscal bills as stated and/or amended, and attached to the work session minutes and recorded as part of the work session minutes, having been audited by the Board and approved, was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

GENERAL FUND	\$580,757.02
WATER FUND	\$131,976.68
SEWER FUND	\$72,973.74
REFUSE FUND	\$36,489.67
SESAME ST	\$0
VARPUR	\$722,626.35
JSTP	\$7,933.96
SPECIAL GRANT	\$110,681.60
DEBT SERVICE	\$0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE & RULES

Resolution 26 of 2024

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2024

WHEREAS, notice was given that the Village Board scheduled a public hearing for February 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. for Local Law No. 1 of the year 2024 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 264 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED ‘VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’”; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village and posted on the Village Clerk’s sign board; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 6th day of February, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), it has been determined by the Village Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II Action as defined under 6 NYCRR 617.5 (22) and (33); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby adopts said local law as Local Law No. 1 of 2024 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 264 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED ‘VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC’”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

Resolution 27 of 2024

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2024.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CITY, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$968,196 AND AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$968,196 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York (the "Village"), as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of a fire truck in and for the Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, including costs incidental thereto, is hereby authorized, subject to permissive referendum, at a maximum estimated cost of \$968,196.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$968,196 serial bonds of said Village, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific

object or purpose is twenty years, pursuant to subdivision 27 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Village of Johnson City, Broome County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Village, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. **This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.**

Discussion: Attorney Coughlin stated this needs to be passed by greater than two-thirds majority of the Board.

Resolution 28 of 2024

A motion waive the 30-Day notice period to Dave & Buster’s of New York, 601 Harry L Drive, for a liquor license with a letter of authorization from the Mayor was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Giblin.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 29 of 2024

A motion to hire Brody Smith of Bond Schoeneck and King to handle a conflicted matter and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to sign a retainer regarding the same was held over by Trustee Brown.

Resolution 30 of 2024

A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Rename Park Located at Tax Map No. 143.66-1-13 from EJ Theme Park a/k/a Your Home Library Courtyard to Workers Park.

Whereas, the Village of Johnson City Board of Trustees wishes to recognize an appreciation for the Workers of the Village, both past and present; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees formally renames the Park located at the corner of Main Street and Lester Avenue known as EJ Theme Park and sometimes known as the Your Home Library Courtyard to the Workers Park effective immediately.

Resolution 31 of 2024

A motion to refund of \$20.00 for parking ticket issued to Rosalyn Antoun on January 8, 2024 was made was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 32 of 2024

A motion to waive the \$250.00 violation fee to Interstate Properties, Inc. for 523 Reynolds Road, Johnson City was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Failed – Vote:

Ayes – 0 Nays – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Absent – 0

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE – No new business

POLICE

Resolution 33 of 2024

A motion to auction the following surplus equipment was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

- Older body cameras (replaced by new body cams via a grant)
- Old parking meters that were removed from service and replaced by kiosks.
- Truck 745, 2009 International VIN: 1HTMNAAM39H087498 – being replaced by a new grant funded vehicle

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution 34 of 2024

A motion to appoint Justin Shuba to the position of DPW Probationary Laborer at a salary of \$19.25 per hour effective, February 8, 2024. This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation and the required pre-employment drug screening was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Discussion: Mayor Meaney stated I do not see Mr. Shuba here, but we welcome him to Johnson City.

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Resolution 35 of 2024

A motion to appoint Allison Button to the position of Community Development Administrator (Provisional) at an annual salary of \$41,600, effective February 8, 2024, contingent upon the successful

completion of passing the required Civil Service test was made by Trustee Jacyna and seconded by Trustee Walker.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 5 (Jacyna, Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Absent – 0

Resolution 36 of 2024

A motion to initiate the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Committee with the initial membership list below was made by Trustee Giblin and seconded by Trustee Brown.

Motion Carried – Vote:

Ayes – 4 (Brown, Walker, Giblin, Meaney) Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 (Jacyna)

Initial Membership List for Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Committee

Name	Affiliation
Marcia Ward	Village of Johnson City Planning Board
Leonard Sas	Village of Johnson City Zoning Board of Appeals
Stephanie Yezzi	Village of Johnson City Director of Planning
Martin Meaney	Village of Johnson City Mayor
Joshua Holland	Village of Johnson City Director of Public Services
Randy Shear	Village of Johnson City Code Enforcement Officer
Janet Ottman	Village of Johnson City Historian
Tina Dolan	United Health Services
Mary Beth Curtin	Binghamton University
David Whalen	Building Owner (various)
Rob Jacyna	Resident

JOINT SEWAGE TREATMENT BOARD – No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meaney adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Jackson D. Bailey II
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Recordings of the Village Board meetings and work sessions are available for review through the Village Clerk/Treasurer’s Office